



PREPARATION PLANT FOREMAN

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Preparation Plant Foreman*

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform foreman and/or examiner duties at preparation plant as required by State and Federal Laws and Codes
- Record the findings on on-shift examinations

NOTE:

- This certification may be used at Docks.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$40.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
 - **Note:** Classes are limited to 20 people and tend to fill quickly. Application fees are due no later than 5 working days prior to the examination, but this will not guarantee that an opening will be available.
- Five years of coal mining experience, at least one year shall be at a preparation plant or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines

NOTE: Experience must be submitted within 5 years of passing the examination. After 5 years records are destroyed. Must reapply if future certification is desired.

- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperienced Training acceptable)
- Hold a General Miner Certification as part of this certification (A card will be issued)

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS: A score of 80% on each element of the examination

ELEMENTS OF EXAM	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS
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Preparation Plant Examination	
▪ Electrical and Equipment (EE)	20
▪ First Aid (FA)	25
▪ Federal Regs (FR)	20
▪ Mine Foremanship (MF)	20
▪ Surface Mining Laws (MP)	20
▪ Gas Detection - practical demonstration	
▪ Records – Practical – Daily and On-Shift Examination (P/O)	

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:

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| ■ Title 30 CFR Part 50, 71, 77 (Included in study guide) | ■ BCME Requirements (No Charge) |
| ■ Preparation Plant Foreman Study Guide (\$8.00) | ■ First Aid for Miners Study Guide (\$9.00) |
| ■ Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia (\$5.50) | |

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8233 and Lebanon Field Office (276) 415-9650.